

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020

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The Sung Responses and Hymns are from The Lutheran Hymnal  
(RED BOOK), unless indicated otherwise. Please stand at the  
at the appropriate times.

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN NO. 61 - "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"  
(Please stand to stanza 4)

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess  
our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

C: O Almighty God, Merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess  
unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended  
Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment.  
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them.  
and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,  
innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

### THE INTROIT (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)

P: Restore us, / O God;\* let Your face shine, that we / may be saved!

C: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph / like a flock!\*  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, / shine forth.

P: You brought a vine out of / Egypt;\* it took deep root and / filled the land.

C: Restore us, O / God of hosts;\* let Your face shine, that we / may be saved!

### THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

### THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee,  
we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks  
to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King,  
God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy;  
Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



### **THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C: Amen. (Be seated)

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-11**

P: This the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **THE GRADUAL (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)**

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of / Zion.\*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- / rusalem.

C: Behold, your king is com- / ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- / vation.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name / of the Lord.\*

From the house of the Lord we / bless you.

### **THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

P: This the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

### **THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT: Mark 1:1-8**

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His  
Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,  
Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all  
things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was  
made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered  
and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and  
the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge  
one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection  
of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated after making confession of our faith)

SERMON HYMN - "Prepare the Royal Highway" (See insert)  
(Please stand to sing stanza 4)

THE SERMON - "In Medias Res."  
Text: Mark 1:1-8

(Stand)

#### THE OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS

After each petition the pastor will say "Lord, in Your mercy."  
Congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

#### THE PREFACE OF HOLY COMMUNION (pages 24-27)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who having created all things, took on human  
flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and  
rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Thy will and gaining  
(continued on page 5)



for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the  
Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven  
we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He  
that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil:**

**C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever  
and ever. Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE PAX DOMINI: P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway! C: Amen.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen. (Be seated)**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Hymn No. 272 - "When All the World was Cursed"**

**Hymn No. 56 - "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"**

**(Stand)**

### **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

### THE THANKSGIVING

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: **And His mercy endureth forever.**

P: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C: **Amen.**

### THE SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen. (Be seated, standing for stanza 5,  
the Trinitarian verse)**

### THE CLOSING HYMN NO. 63 - "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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The Presiding Minister - Rev. James A. Haugen, Jr.

The Organist - Karen Kostelnik

The Head Usher - Steve Szucs

Caring for the Altar - Martha Prok



Is. 40: 1-8

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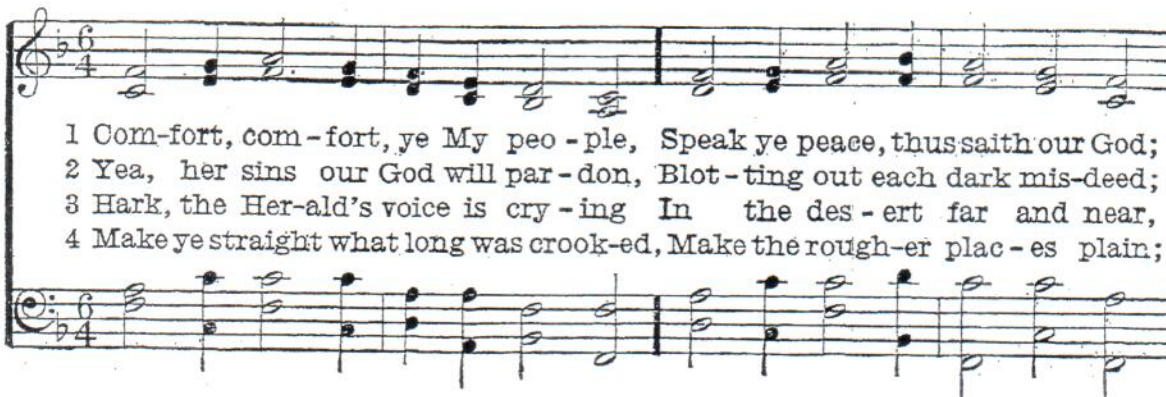
Tröstet, tröstet meine Lieben

Johann Olearius, 1671

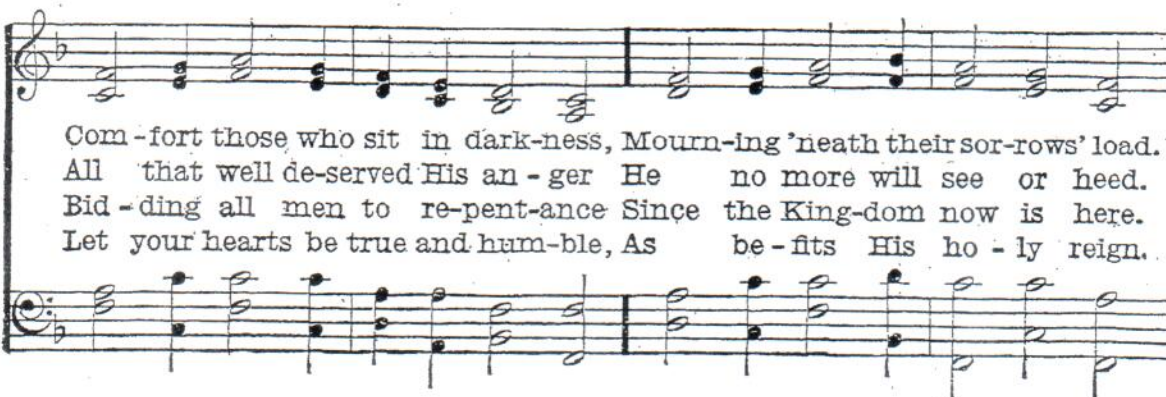
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1868, alt.

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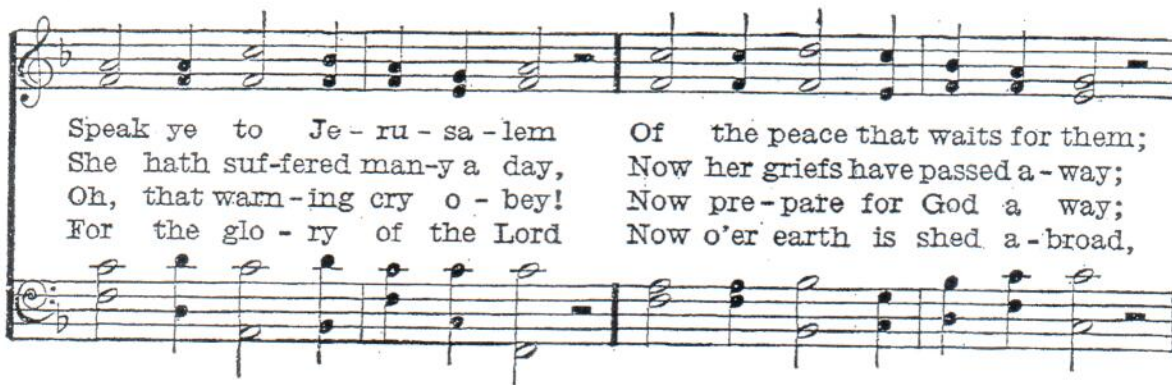
"Genevan Psalter," 1551



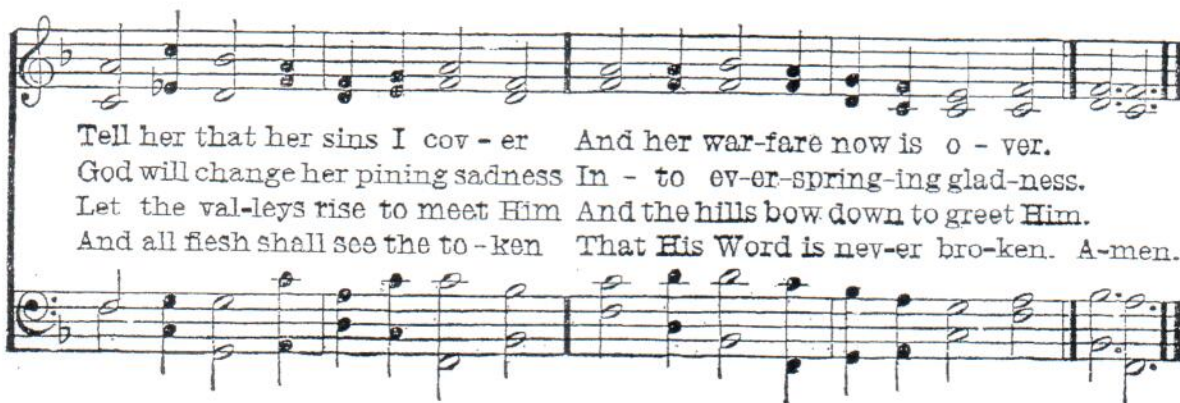
1 Com-fort, com-fort, ye My peo-ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par-don, Blot-ting out each dark mis-deed;  
 3 Hark, the Her-ald's voice is cry-ing In the des-ert far and near,  
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough-er plac-es plain;



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Mourn-ing 'neath their sor-rows' load.  
 All that well de-served His an-ger He no more will see or heed.  
 Bid-ding all men to re-pent-ance Since the King-dom now is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-fits His ho-ly reign.



Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
 She hath suf-fered man-y a day, Now her griefs have passed a-way;  
 Oh, that warn-ing cry o-bey! Now pre-pare for God a way;  
 For the glo-ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a-broad,



Tell her that her sins I cov-er And her war-fare now is o-ver.  
 God will change her pining sadness In-to ev-er-spring-ing glad-ness.  
 Let the val-leys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 And all flesh shall see the to-ken That His Word is nev-er bro-ken. A-men.



## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

- <sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.
- <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.
- <sup>3</sup> A voice cries:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the  
LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for  
our God.
- <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made  
low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.
- <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
- <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the  
field.
- <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.
- <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand for-  
ever.
- <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Behold your God!"
- <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.
- <sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with  
young.

## Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

## Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your  
face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,'"

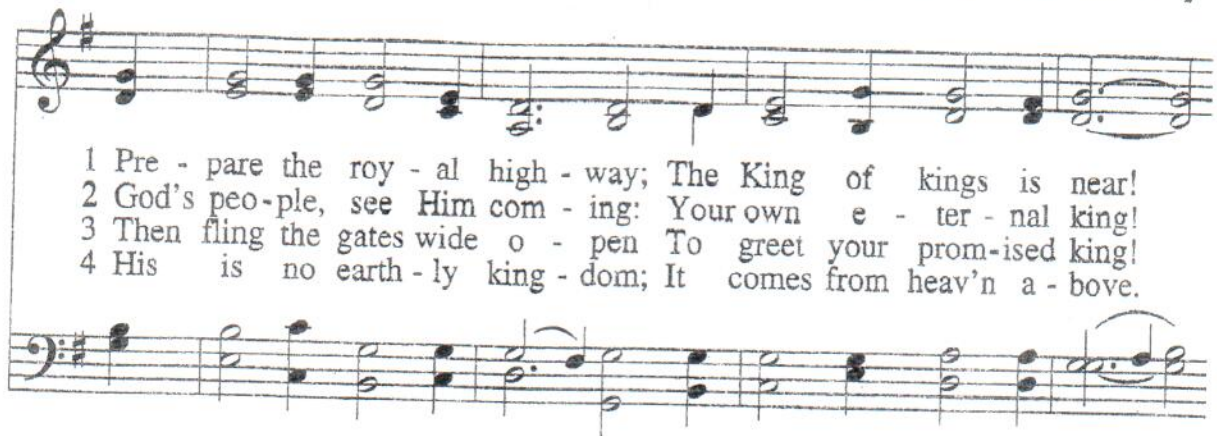
<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



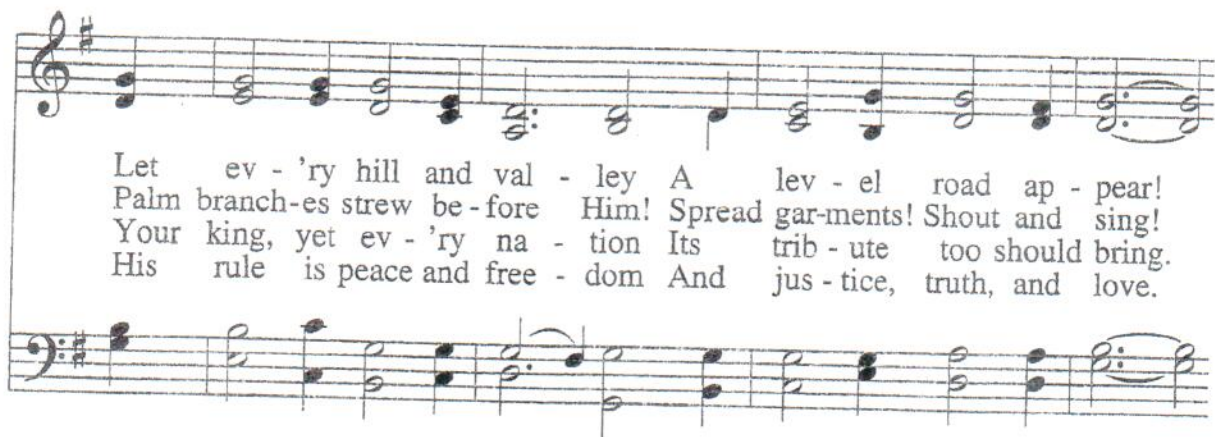
**About the Cover:** In the midst of so many retail stores preparing for a lucrative and domesticated Christmas, the Gospel for this Sunday might be a bit iarring. The Lord's prophet is the voice crying in the wilderness.



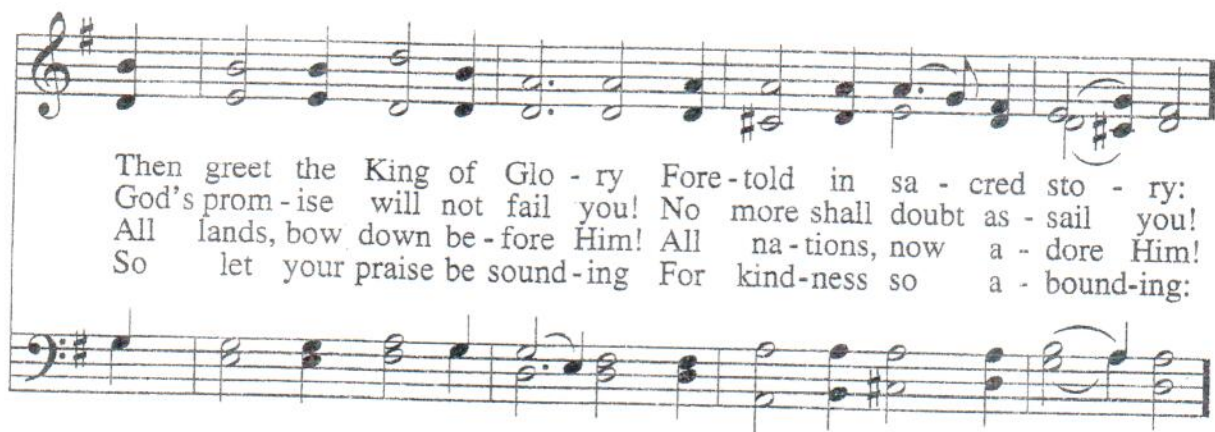
# Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!



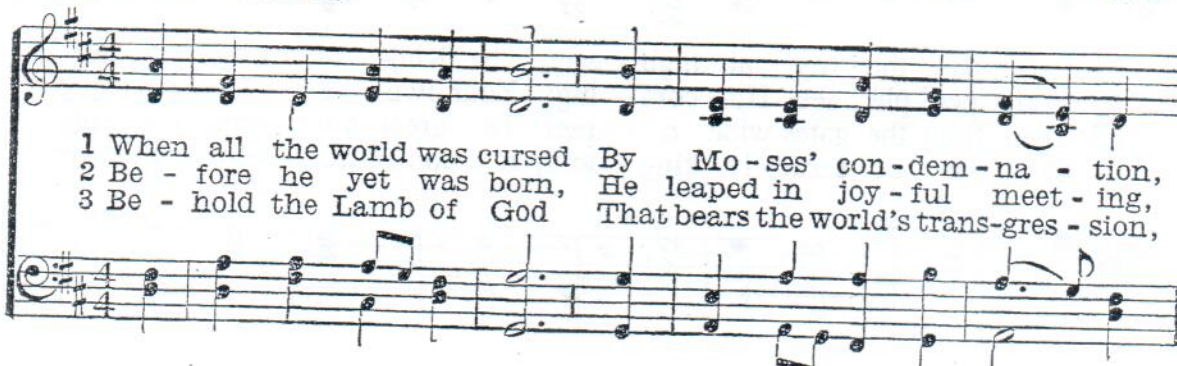
Luke 1: 41

Es war die ganze Welt

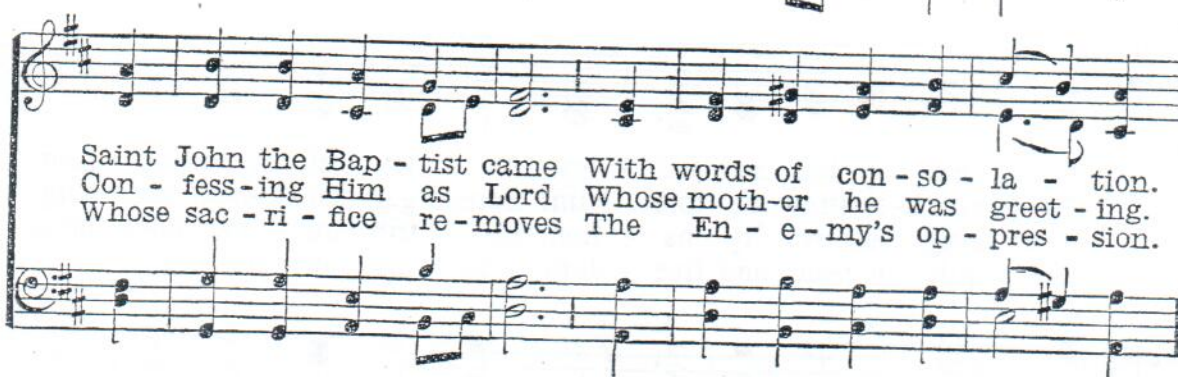
Johann G. Olearius, 1637

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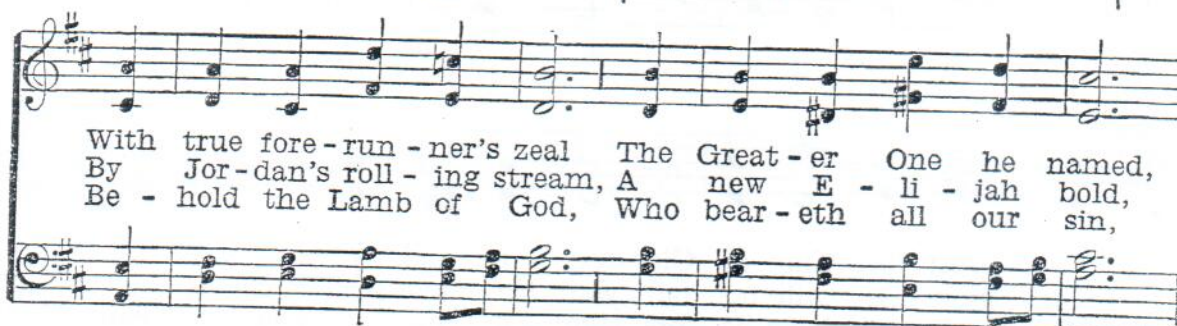
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Was frag' ich nach der Welt  
Ahasverus Fritsch, 1679


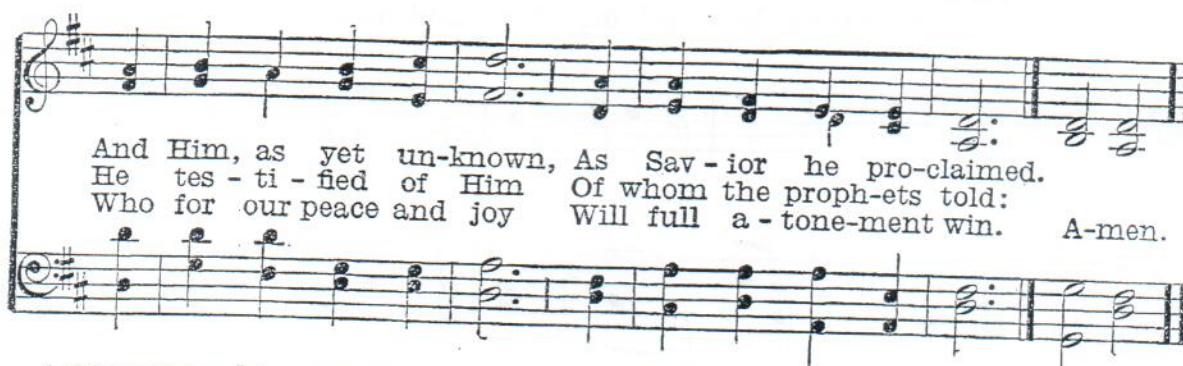
1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,  
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con-so - la - tion.  
Con - fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet - ing.  
Whose sac - ri - fice re-moves The En - e-my's op - pres - sion.



With true fore-run - ner's zeal The Great - er One he named,  
By Jor-dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who bear-eth all our sin,



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav - ior he pro-claimed.  
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone-ment win. A-men.

4 Thrice blessed every one  
Who heeds the proclamation  
Which John the Baptist brought,  
Accepting Christ's salvation.  
He who believes this truth  
And comes with love unfeigned  
Has righteousness and peace  
In fullest measure gained.


5 Oh, grant, Thou Lord of Love,  
That we receive, rejoicing,  
The word proclaimed by John,  
Our true repentance voicing;  
That gladly we may walk  
Upon our Savior's way  
Until we live with Him  
In His eternal day.




Zech, 9: 9  
 Godfrey Thring, 1864

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Sieh, hier bin ich  
 "Geistreiches Gesangbuch"  
 Darmstadt, 1698



1 Je - sus came, the heav'n's a-dor-ing, Came with peace from realms on high;  
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer-cy When our hearts are bowed with care;  
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re-joic-ing, Bring-ing news of sins for-giv'n;



Je - sus came for man's re-demp-tion, Low-ly came on earth to die;  
 Je - sus comes a - gain in an-swer To an ear-nest, heart-felt prayer;  
 Je - sus comes in sounds of glad-ness, Lead-ing souls re-deemed to heav'n.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu-mil-i - ty.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de-spair.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Now the gate of death is riv'n. A-men.

4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,  
 Shares alike our hopes and fears;  
 Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,  
 Glads our hearts, and dries our tears;  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Cheering e'en our failing years.


5 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant  
 When the heavens shall pass away;  
 Jesus comes again in glory.  
 Let us, then, our homage pay,  
 Alleluia! ever singing  
 Till the dawn of endless day.

## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



Is. 40: 3; Matt. 3: 3  
 Jordanis oras praevia  
 Charles Coffin, 1736. ab.  
 St. 1-3, tr., John Chandler, 1837  
 St. 4, 5, tr., unknown

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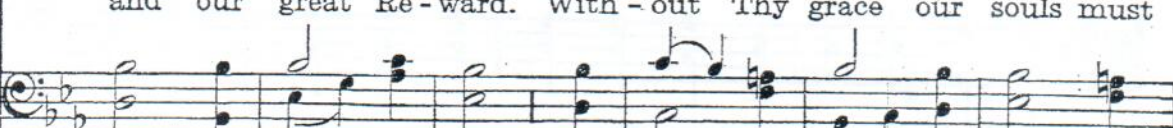

Puer nobis nascitur  
 "Musae Sioniae," VI, 1609




1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry Chris - tian breast And fur - nished  
 3 For Thou art our Sal - va - tion, Lord, Our Ref - uge,

that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and heark - en, for he  
 for so great a Guest. Yea, let us each our hearts pre-  
 and our great Re - ward. With - out Thy grace our souls must

brings Glad ti - dings from the King of kings.  
 pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 fade And with - er like a flow'r de - cayed. A - men.



4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
 And make the fallen strong to stand;  
 Show us the glory of Thy face  
 Till beauty springs in every place.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
 Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
 Whom, with the Father, we adore  
 And Holy Ghost forevermore.